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**NEWCASTLE**  
AUSTRALIA

TOP 3%  
IN THE  
WORLD\*

# study abroad

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## international student guide



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# top 30% in the world

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE IS RANKED IN THE TOP 3 PER CENT OF UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD, ACCORDING TO TWO GLOBAL INDEPENDENT RANKING SYSTEMS<sup>1</sup>. THIS MEANS OUT OF MORE THAN 9,000 UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD WE ARE IN THE TOP 300.**

**TOP  
300**

universities in the world<sup>1</sup>

**AUSTRALIA'S  
No.1**

university under 50 years of age<sup>2</sup>



Five star university for research<sup>3</sup>

**EQUAL  
7th**

in Australia for research 'well above world standard'<sup>4</sup>

**TOP  
10**

in Australia for research income<sup>5</sup>

**OVER  
90%**

of our research is 'at' or 'above world standard'<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> QS World University Rankings 2013 and Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2013    <sup>2</sup> Times Higher Education '100 Under 50' 2014

<sup>3</sup> QS Stars 2013

<sup>4</sup> Excellence in Research Australia 2012

<sup>5</sup> Higher Education Research Data Collection



# Hundreds of subjects to choose from

The University of Newcastle offers a wide variety of interesting, exciting and relevant courses to our visiting Study Abroad and Exchange students. You can choose from most courses offered in the Bachelors of Arts, Business, Commerce, Science, Mathematics, Engineering and many more.

You can choose courses to extend and complement your core studies with more courses in the same field of study, or you can choose elective courses simply because they might be of interest to you.

Popular study areas include:

<b>Accounting</b>	<b>German (language)</b>
<b>Ancient History</b>	<b>History</b>
<b>Architecture and Building</b>	<b>Human Resources</b>
<b>Biological Sciences Chemistry</b>	<b>Human Geography</b>
<b>Chinese (language)</b>	<b>International Business</b>
<b>Computer Science &amp; IT</b>	<b>Indigenous Studies Japanese (language)</b>
<b>Communications and Media Studies</b>	<b>Linguistics</b>
<b>Creative and Performing Arts</b>	<b>Legal Studies</b>
<b>Design</b>	<b>Leisure and Tourism</b>
<b>eBusiness</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Economics</b>	<b>Management</b>
<b>Engineering (Chemical)</b>	<b>Marketing</b>
<b>Engineering (Civil)</b>	<b>Marine Science</b>
<b>Engineering (Computer)</b>	<b>Maths</b>
<b>Engineering (Electrical)</b>	<b>Physics</b>
<b>Engineering (Environmental)</b>	<b>Psychology</b>
<b>Engineering (General)</b>	<b>Philosophy</b>
<b>Engineering (Mechanical)</b>	<b>Political Science</b>
<b>Engineering (Software)</b>	<b>Religious Studies</b>
<b>English (literature)</b>	<b>Sociology and Anthropology</b>
<b>English as a Second Language</b>	<b>Sport Science</b>
<b>Environmental Studies</b>	<b>Statistics</b>
<b>Film Media and Culture Studies</b>	<b>Surveying</b>
<b>Fine Art</b>	<b>Tourism</b>
<b>Geosciences</b>	

To explore complete subject and course options visit  
[newcastle.edu.au/course](http://newcastle.edu.au/course)

## How many courses can you choose?

You must be enrolled full-time (30-40 units per semester, or 60-80 units per year) to comply with Student Visa regulations and institutional agreements.

<b>University of Newcastle credit value</b>	<b>USA credit value</b>	<b>ECTS credit value</b>
80	24	60
60	18	45
40	12	30
20	6	15
10	3	7.5







## A world-class education in a uniquely beautiful location

Situated on the sunny East Coast of Australia, Newcastle is one of the world's most beautiful coastal cities – it attracts thousands of international students, every year. It has been ranked as the 5th Most Livable City In The World by the Lonely Planet Guide<sup>1</sup>. Once you've experienced it for yourself, you'll understand why!

Newcastle's international students enjoy the area's bustling cosmopolitan culture, without the stress of more expensive Australian cities. You can meet with friends in the city district's many cafes and bars, or spend your free time relaxing in the beautiful natural surroundings. It's the perfect balance of study and lifestyle.

Newcastle is also perfect for students wishing to spend their free time travelling to Australia's other must-see destinations. It's around two hours from Sydney, one hour from the Hunter Valley Vineyards, and just off the main coastal highway for exploring Australia's many picturesque sea-side towns.

Best of all, Newcastle offers the perfect climate for anyone chasing that famous Australian sunshine. Enjoy moderate winters and long playful summers, with an average summer temperature of around 28 degrees. This makes perfect weather for relaxing or playing – or even studying – on some of Australia's best beaches.

It's a lifestyle where the locals truly live the ocean life. There are over seven patrolled beaches easily accessible from the Newcastle area, and its major beaches are literally on the edges of the city district. Newcastle's surfers head out into the waves, every morning; and countless world class surfers have heralded from the region.

Diving is another popular hobby with the locals. Newcastle's waterways offer some truly breath-taking diving experiences, and the University even has a student diving club offering affordable equipment and diving excursions for both beginners and experts.

When the sun sets on its sandy white beaches, it's time to hit the area's countless cafes, restaurants and bars. The Newcastle locals are as playful as they are friendly - why the area is a favourite getaway spot for the hundreds of Sydney-siders who every weekend escape the chaos of the big city to unwind and play in this seaside paradise. Once one of Australia's best kept secrets, Newcastle has become one of its most fashionable and beloved destinations. You'll love it, too.



**"IT'S BEEN GREAT TO LIVE SO CLOSE TO SUCH BEAUTIFUL PLACES. I'VE LOVED BEING ABLE TO SPEND MY WEEKENDS ON THE BEACHES WITH THE FRIENDS I MADE HERE!"**

- Mauro (Brazil)

<sup>1</sup> Lonely Planet Guide (2011)



# Five things you must do in Newcastle

**Whether you're looking for the classic beach lifestyle or the pulse of the city, you'll never run out of things to do in Newcastle. Here are five unmissable Newcastle experiences...**

## 1 Nobby's Beach

There are plenty of beaches to explore in the Newcastle area, but none is more famous - or beautiful - than Nobby's. Stretching to the tip of Newcastle's peninsula, you'll find over a kilometre of clean, white Aussie sand where the locals relax and play all summer. And don't forget to take a stroll along the boardwalk to Nobby's lighthouse for the very best view of this breathtaking seaside city.



## 2 Dolphin Cruise

Around 20 minutes drive from Newcastle, you'll find the summertime paradise that is Nelson Bay. Try some famous Aussie fish and chips by the water; shop for some authentic Australian art and souvenirs; and then jump on a cruise ship and head out to the islands. There, you can meet our friendly dolphin pods, all year round; or see the breath-taking sight of the whales migrating in the winter months.



## 3 Stockton Dunes

One of the truly unique attractions of Newcastle, the Stockton Sand Dunes are the largest in the Southern Hemisphere - over 30 kilometres long, and reaching over 2 kilometres wide. Think of them as a desert by the sea. There are plenty of ways to experience them: racing over the hills in a quad bike, or even trekking the beach on a sunset camel ride. But the student favourite remains the daily sandboarding tours - it's like skiing... but on sand! Or stop by the Sygna shipwreck, resting on the shore. It's an essential adventure set against an incredible natural landscape.



## 4 Darby St

A favourite area with the university students, Darby St is a cool part of town. Stroll along this bustling main street from morning to midnight, and always find something to do. Whether you're looking for the latest fashions; dining in one of over thirty restaurants and bars; seeing the latest exhibition at the Newcastle Regional Art Gallery; or relaxing by the fountain in Civic Park - Darby St is where the buzz is.



## 5 Honeysuckle Wharf

Newcastle is most famous for its iconic beaches, but the city's harbour is an important part of Australia's history and has a beauty and culture of its own. It's the busiest working harbour in the Southern Hemisphere - with massive ships sharing the waters with the local yachts and kayakers. And the best place to take in these sights is relaxing at Honeysuckle Wharf. This modern precinct lines the harbour, with dozens of cafes, restaurants and bars to keep you laughing with friends long into the night.





# meet the world

## A vibrant international student community

Being an international student at the University of Newcastle (UON) isn't just about meeting the local Aussies - it's also a great chance to experience a diverse range of cultures, and make friends from all over the world. From a total student population of over 35,000, around 7,500 students have come to us from over 100 countries outside Australia. You can meet people from every continent and walk of life - and we'll help you do it.

Our UON International team are dedicated to your journey here at the University of Newcastle. From the moment you accept your offer, you'll have access to a range of support services to make sure your experience with us is the very best it can be.



**"EVERYONE AT THE UNI IS ALWAYS MAKING SURE WE ARE OKAY AND HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED. THEY REALLY TAKE CARE OF US."**

- Tonje (Norway)

Our **International Student Advisors** care about the students they help, every day. Whether it's making sure you have the right university documentation for your visa, or helping you get to the university once your plane lands - they're here to take the worry out of your experience, so you can focus on the good stuff. And they'll continue to be there for you, right throughout your studies, as well as helping you prepare for your return home.

**TOP  
100**

**most international universities in the world**

(Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2013)

Once you're here, it's time to join our **international student facebook group** and start getting to know your fellow students. Then, come meet everyone in person at our famous **International O-Week** - it's how we help you settle in before your classes start. We'll teach you everything you need to know about the university and the local area, and give you the opportunity to join us for a program of fun-filled excursions to some of the area's best tourist attractions and destinations - and lots of free Aussie BBQ's!

Once classes have started, it's important you find ways to take time out to relax and have fun with your fellow students. We run a series of international-focused programs for that purpose. You can enjoy a friendly game of soccer in our weekly **GOALSS** program; or partake in our renowned **iLEAD** program, a series of events fostering international awareness and leadership skills. These programs are also open to local students, giving you the opportunity to make Australian friends.



There are plenty of ways for you to balance study and cultural life with UON International. Get involved.

For more info visit [newcastle.edu.au/get-involved](http://newcastle.edu.au/get-involved)



# live your life



**"MY ROOMMATES BECAME  
LIKE A FAMILY TO ME.  
LIVING ON CAMPUS WAS A  
GREAT DECISION!"**

- Celine (Hawaii)

## Accommodation

**We know students need secure, affordable and comfortable accommodation when they are studying. Whether you're interested in living on-campus or off-campus, we have services to help you.**

### **LIVING ON-CAMPUS**

Living on-campus is a great way to make friends, save on transport costs and have lots of fun! We offer 1,800 places on our Newcastle campus. There are four residential colleges, plus our new student accommodation development offering the cutting-edge of student living. Or if you're at the Central Coast campus, Blue Gum House is a residential college offering 26 rooms.

Each college has its own unique atmosphere and hosts lots of social, cultural and sporting activities. For meals, you can choose from fully-catered, semi-catered or self-catered.

### **OFF -CAMPUS**

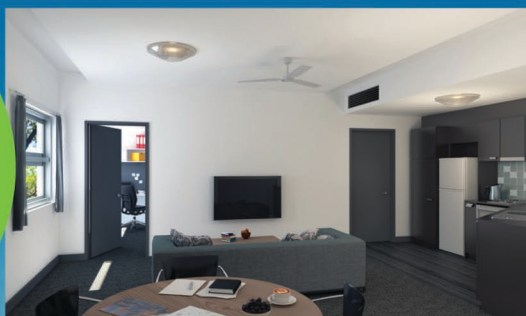
If you'd prefer to live off-campus, either by yourself or with friends, we can help you get started. We have a database of current rooms, apartments and houses that are available for rent and offer free advice to students about issues relating to shared housing and rental accommodation.

### **HOME STAY**

Home Stay is a great service where we connect you to a local family who not only provide you with a furnished room but with daily meals.

Do some research and pick the option that's right for you at **[newcastle.edu.au/accommodation](http://newcastle.edu.au/accommodation)**

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# global leaders driving world class innovation

Offering a world-class education in a uniquely beautiful location, the University of Newcastle was established in 1965 and has become one of Australia's most innovative institutions. Over 39,000 students attend the university, with more than 7,600 originating from over 120 countries outside Australia. It offers a range of programs preparing tomorrow's global leaders, across five faculties; Business and Law; Education and Arts; Engineering and Built Environment; Health and Medicine; and Science and Information Technology.

The University of Newcastle can be found in seven locations, including regional campuses in the tranquil coastal areas of Ourimbah and Port Macquarie; as well as presences in Sydney and, outside Australia, in Singapore. It's main Newcastle campus is divided between the lush natural landscape of Callaghan, and the bustling City Precinct (just minutes from some of Australia's most iconic beaches). Its state-of-the-art facilities include five libraries that together house more than 1.3 millions texts and provide access to over 80,000 electronic journals. Cutting-edge gym and sporting facilities; a variety of cafes and bars; busy shopping areas and a wide range of health practices allow students to truly live the UON life. These service the many students who live on-campus, including the largest international on-campus community in Australia.

Academically, great emphasis is placed on the relationship between the student and professional life, with around 90% of its graduate programs including the opportunity for a work-integrated learning component. This translates into a high success rate for its alumni, with nearly three quarters of its bachelor degree graduates finding full-time employment within four months of completing their studies.

The university also has a global reputation for innovative and agenda-setting research, and is home to researchers who are in the top 1% of their field. Its research strengths are across the key fields of health, energy and resources, and science and technology; and in emerging areas such as the humanities, social sciences and creative industries. It is also home to two leading research institutes: the Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources (NIER) and the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI).



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